

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Grade	GW	SE	VN	Grade	MMS	District
PreK	26	31	30	5	134	
K	31	29	54	6	146	
1	36	43	35	7	141	
2	30	40	51	8	138	
3	32	51	52			
4	33	47	49			
Total	188	241	272		559	1260

- Homeschool year to date total: 6 families with 12 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	7	5	3	8	23

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

Books on Bus							
Number of Individuals Getting on Bus and Checking Out Items							
Run	Wk.1	Wk. 2	Wk. 3	Wk. 4	Wk. 5	Wk.6	Wk. 7
Goodwin	24	33	40	39			
Southeast	4	5	6	20			
Vinton	26	37	32	26			
Week Total	54	75	78	85			
New MPL card applications	0	2	5	2			

Budget

- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – June 2007-2008		Aug. – June 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
104,788	141,856	99,415	146,104

- Informed that we did not receive kitchen equipment grant.
- Resolved all issues related to 08-09 budget, as well as end of year purchases.
- Initiated 09-10 purchases in preparation for school year.

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	0
Reduction in Force	0	0

- UPSEU ratified contract.
- Facilitated meeting with selected staff regarding RIF as well as disciplinary hearing.
- Posted certified/non-certified vacancies and participated in district selection committees.

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal – March 2009

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 133	113/85.0%	86/72.2%	98/73.7%	-----
4 – 124	100/83.3%	92/74.2%	91/75.8%	-----
5 – 137	97/71.3%	99/72.3%	101/73.7%	110/80.3%
6 – 141	113/80.1%	109/77.9%	120/85.7%	-----
7 – 136	105/78.4%	110/80.9%	116/87.2%	-----
8 – 160	131/81.9%	139/86.9%	138/86.8%	142/88.8%

- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2009-2010 grade)

Gr. 4 – 47/35.3%	Gr. 7 – 44/31.2%
Gr. 5 – 49/39.5%	Gr. 8 – 40/29.2%
Gr. 6 – 63/46.0%	Gr. 9 – 42/26.0%

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted administrative council meeting on Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI).
- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home as the result of a Liberty Bank Grant.
- Provided information to Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory who requested needs assessment in order to plan training.
- Facilitated work by designated curriculum council members on funded projects.

Policies

- Revised Wellness Policy based on staff survey, as well as other policies per Shipman and Goodwin.

Building and Grounds

- Implemented initial and planned secondary remedy for Vinton playscape.
- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion weekly meetings regarding project implementation to include addressing asbestos found in back of bookcases.
- Conducted Facilities Management/Personnel meeting.
- Facilitated inclement weather use of Southeast School by the Mansfield Recreation Department
- Facilitated safety inspection of Adventure Learning sites at all schools and discussed addition of indoor/outdoor elements at MMS.
- Reviewed draft of Custodian/Maintenance Manual.

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through July 25, 2009

Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
45,577	86.4	14,104	71.9	39,081	84.97	11,147	70.2

**Number of questions attempted on grade level*

Summer School Programs

Goodwin				MMS	
Grade	Enrollment	Grade	Enrollment	Grade	Enrollment
PreK	10	4	8	6	6
K	3	5	4	7	4
1	14	6	1	8	3
2	7	7	1		
3	14				

Security

- Facilitated installation for second Security Grant for all four schools.
- Facilitated planning of new required drills for all schools with emergency management officials.

Energy

- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Reduced hall lighting in hallways in all 4 schools and some classrooms at MMS.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.

Communication

- Directed district response and dissemination of H1N1 virus information to appropriate staff email.
- Implemented Books on Bus program.
- Met with Superintendents regarding regionalization.
- Participated in MBOE workshop regarding goals for 2009-2010.

Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS at a date to be determined.
- Facilitated planning for RTI/SRBI training for certified staff.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Implemented automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of winter language arts assessments.
- Continued review of Horizon library system software.
- Completed implementation of QNotify system for all 4 schools.
- Supported training and development of PowerSchool software at MMS and Filemaker Pro/EASTCONN RTI software.

Other

- Attended Best Practices in Sustainability Education Workshop.
- Attended Illness & Outbreaks in Schools workshop.
- Participated in kick off event of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.
- Attended RTI workshop at EASTCONN.
- Visited EASTCONN interdistrict summer programs.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in August:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
MMS		
District		
Welcome Back Breakfast 8/24/09 8:00am MMS	First Day of School 8/26/09	

Fall Open Houses:

Goodwin Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Southeast Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Vinton Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Middle School Thursday, September 17, 2009

September Board Meetings:

Thursday, September 10, 2009
Thursday, September 24, 2009 (Workshop with Administrators)